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ANNUAL REPORT

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# REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

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THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD  
IN ACCOUNT WITH  
W. H. HUBBARD, TREASURER.

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1894.

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| To pay State Tax,                | \$ 325 00  |
| To pay County Tax,               | 557 46     |
| For Winter Highways,             | 420 00     |
| For Summer Highways,             | 320 00     |
| For Support of Schools,          | 260 00     |
| For Town Expenses,               | 100 00     |
| For Printing Town Account,       | 14 00      |
| For Decorating Soldiers' Graves, | 5 00       |
| For Support of Public Library,   | 15 00      |
| For Building Town Shed,          | 23 54      |
|                                  | <hr/>      |
|                                  | \$2,040 00 |

## EXPENDITURES.

### STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Paid State Tax, | \$325 00 |
| County Tax,     | 517 32   |
|                 | <hr/>    |
|                 | \$842 32 |

## TOWN OFFICERS.

|                                                               |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid W. H. Hubbard, Treasurer,                                | \$ 20 00 |
| John C. Pike, Selectman,                                      | 35 59    |
| Horace L. Thomes, Selectman,                                  | 25 75    |
| James L. Cook, Selectman,                                     | 28 87    |
| Robert L. Chamberlin, Town Clerk,                             | 17 00    |
| Asa A. Shortridge, Collector,                                 | 30 00    |
| Stephen H. Hutchins, member of<br>School Board and Treasurer, | 13 00    |
| Charles Colman, member of School<br>Board,                    | 10 00    |
| Arthur Sceggel, member of School<br>Board,                    | 1 50     |
| Edwin L. Brown, Clerk of School<br>Board,                     | 3 00     |
| John E. Witham, Supervisor,                                   | 5 00     |
| John E. Lang, Supervisor,                                     | 5 00     |
| Edwin Garland, Supervisor,                                    | 5 00     |
| Miss Mary E. Colman, Librarian,                               | 5 00     |
| Henry W. Cate, Constable,                                     | 2 50     |
| John F. Robinson, Auditor,                                    | 2 00     |
| William Bixby, Auditor,                                       | 2 00     |
|                                                               | <hr/>    |
|                                                               | \$211 21 |

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Stephen H. Hutchins, Treasurer, | \$346 36 |
| American Book Company,               | 34 84    |
|                                      | <hr/>    |
|                                      | \$381 20 |

## DAMAGE BY DOGS.

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Paid John E. Lang, loss of sheep, | \$12 00 |
| John C. Pike, time and travel,    | 4 00    |
|                                   | <hr/>   |
|                                   | \$16 00 |

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Paid L. T. Churchill, Road Agent, | \$370 33 |
|-----------------------------------|----------|

## SUPPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid for Support of Public Library, | \$15 00 |
|-------------------------------------|---------|

## BOUNTIES ON HAWKS.

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Paid Bounties on Hawks, | \$7 00 |
|-------------------------|--------|

## EXTRA HIGHWAY BILLS.

|                                                                              |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Stephen H. Wentworth, breaking<br>roads in the winter of 1893 and 1894, | \$ 5 11 |
| J. E. Hayes, highway bill,                                                   | 9 50    |
| Gilbert H. Cook, breaking roads,                                             | 2 00    |
| John W. Prescott, breaking roads,<br>1893,                                   | 4 00    |
| John F. Hackett, highway bill,                                               | 75      |
| Martin Eaton, breaking roads, 1893,                                          | 2 27    |
| C. H. Tutt, breaking roads to March<br>7, 1894,                              | 11 57   |
| Mark Remick, cutting bushes,                                                 | 1 25    |
| John E. Witham, repairing highway,                                           | 2 10    |

|                                                          |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Henry Drew, cutting bushes,                         | \$ 2 40 |
| Henry Drew, breaking roads in full,<br>to Feb. 15, 1895, | 45      |
| Herman Goodwin to Feb. 16, 1895,                         | 1 95    |
| Asa A. Shortridge, for gravel,                           | 2 00    |
| Joseph Legary, breaking roads,                           | 50      |
| Charles H. Garland, cutting bushes,                      | 7 50    |
| Charles E. Clark, repairing culvert,                     | 1 00    |
| Elihu M. Rines, labor highway,                           | 5 00    |
| Oreton P. Hobbs, bridge plank for<br>1891,               | 7 86    |
|                                                          | <hr/>   |
|                                                          | \$67 21 |

## BUILDING TOWN SHED.

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Paid for lumber and shingles, | \$ 87 20 |
| for hardware, for shed,       | 5 46     |
| John C. Pike, labor,          | 17 50    |
| Henry Drew, labor,            | 9 00     |
| W. H. Hubbard, labor,         | 8 62     |
| C. H. Garland, labor,         | 5 62     |
| John F. Wiggin, labor,        | 7 25     |
| Harry L. Lang, labor,         | 3 00     |
| Charles H. Wiggin, labor,     | 3 00     |
| Charles Churchill, labor,     | 1 50     |
| George A. Wiggin, labor,      | 1 50     |
|                               | <hr/>    |
|                               | \$149 65 |

## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

|                                          |         |
|------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid C. H. Parker, printing town report, | \$14 00 |
| Charles Colman, Board of Selectmen,      | 4 00    |



|                                                      |         |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Dr. F. D. Smith, for T. L. Churchill,<br>horse, | \$10 00 |
| Dudley C. Colman, service on horse<br>case,          | 3 00    |
| S. W. Roberts, report of births and<br>deaths,       | 1 00    |
| W. S. Davis, report of births and<br>deaths,         | 50      |
| W. S. Davis, examining Simonds boy,                  | 2 00    |
| W. H. Hubbard, making out town<br>report,            | 2 00    |
| James H. Willey, public water,                       | 3 00    |
| Luther M. Sanborn, public water,                     | 3 00    |
| James L. Cook, one cord wood,                        | 3 50    |
| John C. Pike, one cord wood,                         | 1 50    |
| John E. Witham, decorating soldiers<br>graves,       | 5 00    |
| Horace L. Thomes, housing road ma-<br>chine,         | 2 00    |
| Lizzie R. Hanson, dinners on road<br>case,           | 5 50    |
| John C. Pike, money paid out,                        | 12 47   |
| Dudley C. Colman, money paid out,                    | 2 75    |
| Horace L. Thomes, money paid out,                    | 1 25    |
| Dinners at hearing on Pike case,                     | 4 00    |
| Witness fees on Pike case,                           | 3 33    |
|                                                      | <hr/>   |
|                                                      | \$83 80 |

## ABATEMENTS.

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Paid Henry Boston,     | \$ 4 15 |
| Heirs of C. H. Witham, | 92      |

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Paid Thomas H. Johnson, | \$10 60 |
| Richard R. Hanson,      | 1 67    |
| Alvah Wiggin,           | 3 32    |
| Nathaniel Brewster,     | 1 66    |
| Frank Edgerly,          | 83      |
| Blake Folsom,           | 1 66    |
| Abbie M. Burrows,       | 33      |
| John H. Ferguson,       | 1 66    |
| Wm. H. Willey,          | 1 66    |
| William H. Rines,       | 2 20    |
|                         | <hr/>   |
|                         | \$30 66 |

## RECAPITULATION.

### RECEIPTS.

|                                                |            |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| From Town Treasurer, 1893,                     | \$ 327 29  |
| Savings Bank Tax from Selectmen,               | 428 49     |
| Railroad Tax from Selectmen,                   | 45 12      |
| Literary Fund from Selectmen,                  | 86 36      |
| Bounties,                                      | 7 00       |
| Dog Licenses from Town Clerk,                  | 30 60      |
| From Asa A. Shortridge, list in full for 1893, | 61 69      |
| From Asa A. Shortridge, money,                 | 1,445 00   |
| From Asa A. Shortridge, abatements,            | 30 60      |
| From Asa A. Shortridge, highway bills,         | 412 38     |
|                                                | <hr/>      |
|                                                | \$3,076 87 |

### EXPENDITURES.

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| State and County Taxes, | \$ 842 32 |
| Support of Schools,     | 381 20    |

|                                                      |            |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Town Officers,                                       | \$ 211 21  |
| Damage by Dogs,                                      | 16 00      |
| Summer Highways,                                     | 370 33     |
| Miscellaneous Bills,                                 | 83 80      |
| Bounties on Hawks,                                   | 7 00       |
| Building Town Shed,                                  | 149 65     |
| Paid A. J. Milliken,                                 | 25 00      |
| Abatements, A. A. Shortridge,                        | 30 66      |
| Public Library, support of,                          | 15 00      |
| Breaking Roads in the year ending February 15, 1894, | 401 42     |
| Extra Highways,                                      | 67 21      |
| Cash in the hands of Treasurer,                      | 408 07     |
| Asa A. Shortridge, Note,                             | 68 00      |
|                                                      | <hr/>      |
|                                                      | \$3,076 87 |

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,  | \$408 07 |
| Note of A. A. Shortridge,            | 68 00    |
| Cash in the hands of A. J. Milliken, | 25 00    |
|                                      | <hr/>    |
|                                      | \$501 07 |

W. H. HUBBARD, Town Treasurer.

Brookfield, N. H., February 16, 1895.

Brookfield, N. H., February 23, 1895.

We, the undersigned having this day carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer of said town, hereby report that we find them correctly cast and fully supported by proper vouchers.

JOHN F. ROBINSON. } Auditors of  
WILLIAM A. BIXBY. } Brookfield.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

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It was a true saying, applicable to all and all circumstances, uttered by General Jackson in the early days of American Nationality that Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Liberty, and where does this principle of vigilance apply with greater force than in connection with our common school system. It must have its full share of attention, in appropriations, in system, in moral character, and in the cordial support from all intelligent, right-minded progressive people. By what simple, comprehensive method shall this be accomplished. The answer to this question involves a theme we would bring before the minds of the citizens of this town, in this annual report. With slight variations, from year to year our total number of pupils scarcely reaches seventy, less than half the number enrolled prior to three decades ago. These seventy are (with the exception of one family) brought into three schools, where with the best teachers that can be procured with our limited means, the foundation is laid for a good practical education, for all who will be vigilant and persevering. We wish to speak of one very important item in addition to the selection of suitable teachers, which is a great help to the success of any school, namely — encouragement, and support of good teachers in their work, by parents and citizens, especially the former, when a parent exclaims in the presence of a child, "Our school is good for nothing!" "I wish we could have such schools as

we had when I was young," and many such expressions. They perhaps do not fully realize how they are aiming a cruel blow against one of our very best institutions, and at the same time wounding the feelings of a sensitive, conscientious person, while seeds of distrust and disregard for the teacher are being sown in the mind of the child; sure hindrances to his progress. We hope our citizens will endeavor to guard against this uncharitable habit. We have an unanswerable argument in favor of our educational system of the present time in the lofty attainments reached by the men and women of our present generation. How pleasant the thought that our common school system is the acorn from which has grown to its gigantic proportions the tree of intellectual attainments and wisdom bearing branches, the tallest and most widespreading of all civilized times. How careful ought every citizen to be in their efforts to promote, encourage and defend this fundamental principle of all greatness. Two terms of eight weeks in Summer and ten in the Fall exhausted our resources for the year. Teachers for the Summer term were paid six dollars per week, including board, and seven for the Fall term. Amount expended for each scholar a little more than four dollars. The free book system, while unsatisfactory to some, is not in reality as expensive as might be supposed. the cost for the past two years being less than fifty cents per year for each scholar. One male and five female teachers have been employed during the year. Each did good faithful work, and merited the success that attended their effort.

Respectfully submitted,

|                      |                                     |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| STEPHEN H. HUTCHINS, | } School Board<br>of<br>Brookfield. |
| CHARLES COLMAN.      |                                     |

Brookfield, N. H., Feb. 15, 1895,

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## TREASURER OF SCHOOL BOARD REPORT.

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### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

FROM MARCH 1, 1894, TO FEBRUARY 15, 1895.

#### RECEIPTS.

|                                          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| From William H. Hubbard, Town Treasurer, | \$346 36 |
| From unexpended money,                   | 8 71     |
|                                          | <hr/>    |
|                                          | \$355 07 |

#### EXPENDITURES.

|                                          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Miss Mary Kimball, teacher,         | \$ 35 25 |
| Mrs. Hattie Thomes, teacher,             | 54 00    |
| Mrs. Joseph Wentworth, board of teacher, | 20 00    |

|                                                      |          |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Mrs. Hattie B. Morgan, teacher,                 | \$ 48 00 |
| Miss Mary Colman, teacher,                           | 52 00    |
| Miss Jennie Orrell, teacher,                         | 56 00    |
| Mrs. Louise M. Tutt, for Tutt boy,                   | 10 00    |
| Mr. John Orrell, teacher,                            | 56 00    |
| Mr. S. H. Hutchins, wood, glass and<br>chalk,        | 3 71     |
| Mr. Charles Colman, express on books<br>and tablets, | 1 00     |
|                                                      | <hr/>    |
|                                                      | \$335 96 |

## STATEMENT.

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Whole amount paid out,      | \$335 96 |
| Cash in hands of Treasurer, | 19 11    |
|                             | <hr/>    |
|                             | \$355 07 |

S. N. HUTCHINS,

Treasurer of School Board.

Brookfield, N. H., February 15, 1895.

We, the undersigned, Auditors for the town of Brookfield, have examined the foregoing accounts, and found them to be correctly cast and a regular voucher for each sum paid.

JOHN F. ROBINSON, }  
WILLIAM A. BIXBY. } Auditors.

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1895.**

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| Date of Marriage. | Name and Surname of Groom and Bride. Residence of Each at Time of Marriage. | Age of Each in Years. | Color of Each. | Place of Birth of Groom and Bride. Occupation of Each at Time of Marriage. | Names of Parents.    | Whether First, Second, or Other Marriage. | Name, Official Station, and Residence of Person by Whom Married. |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1894.             |                                                                             |                       |                |                                                                            |                      |                                           |                                                                  |
| July 27.          | Arthur Valley, Brookfield.                                                  | 21                    | White.         | Canada. Laborer.                                                           | James Valley.        | First.                                    | Dudley C. Colman, Justice of the Peace, Brookfield.              |
| Brookfield.       | Bertha Demeritt, Rochester.                                                 | 17                    |                | Rochester. Housekeeper.                                                    | Charles A. Demeritt. | First.                                    |                                                                  |
| August 9.         | William G. Davis, Canada.                                                   | 21                    |                | Canada. Laborer.                                                           | Frank Whitehouse.    | First.                                    | Charles Colman, Clergyman, Brookfield.                           |
| Brookfield.       | Lilla M. Rines, Brookfield.                                                 | 22                    |                | New Durham. Housekeeper.                                                   | Rhoda McDaniels.     | Second.                                   |                                                                  |
| August 13.        | Henry C. Hubbard, Boston, Mass.                                             | 43                    |                | Boston, Mass. Attorney-at-Law.                                             | J. G. Hubbard.       | Second.                                   | Charles Colman, Clergyman, Brookfield.                           |
| Brookfield.       | M. R. King, Westford, Vt.                                                   | 34                    |                | Fairfax, Vt. Dressmaker.                                                   | Emily C. Farrington. | Second.                                   |                                                                  |
| November 6.       | Henry W. Peavey, Brookfield.                                                | 47                    |                | Strafford. Blacksmith.                                                     | Charles King.        | Second.                                   | Charles Colman, Clergyman, Brookfield.                           |
| Brookfield.       | Albina May Walton, Brookfield.                                              | 22                    |                | Nova Scotia. Housekeeper.                                                  | John C. Peavey.      | Second.                                   |                                                                  |
|                   |                                                                             |                       |                |                                                                            | Mary A. Caverly.     | Second.                                   |                                                                  |
|                   |                                                                             |                       |                |                                                                            | Hubbard Robar.       | Second.                                   |                                                                  |
|                   |                                                                             |                       |                |                                                                            | Rebecca Robar.       |                                           |                                                                  |

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ROBERT L. CHAMBERLAIN, Town Clerk.



**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1895.**

| Date of Birth.<br>Place of Birth. | Name of the Child (if any). | Sex and Condition. |         |                      | Name of Father.<br>Maiden Name of Mother.             | Occupation of Father.<br>Residence of Parents. | Birthplace of Father.<br>Birthplace of Mother.      |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
|                                   |                             | Male.              | Female. | Living or Stillborn. |                                                       |                                                |                                                     |
| 1894.                             |                             |                    |         |                      |                                                       |                                                |                                                     |
| April 7.<br>Brookfield.           |                             | F                  | L       | 3                    | Harry W. Cate.                                        | Farmer.                                        | Brookfield.                                         |
| March 23.<br>Brookfield.          | Samuel Mortimer Allen.      | M                  | L       | 8                    | Amy Beangez.<br>Samuel M. Allen.<br>Emma F. Cummings. | Brookfield.<br>Mason.<br>Brookfield.           | Bayou La Fourche, La.<br>Brookfield.<br>Brookfield. |
| 1895.                             |                             |                    |         |                      |                                                       |                                                |                                                     |
| January 8.<br>Brookfield.         | Amie M. Thomes.             | F                  | L       |                      | Horace L. Thomes.<br>Hattie M. Goodhue.               | Farmer.<br>Brookfield.                         | Denmark, Me. Brookfield.                            |
| February 19.<br>Brookfield.       |                             | F                  | L       | 3                    | Charles R. Smith<br>Ida Foss.                         | Farmer.<br>Brookfield.                         | Nova Scotia.<br>Stowe, Me.                          |

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ROBERT L. CHAMBERLAIN, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF BROOKFIELD FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1895.

| Date of<br>Death.          | Name and Surname<br>of the Deceased. | Age.   |         |       | Sex and Condition. |         | Name of Father<br>of Deceased. | Place of Birth                                    |                                       | Occupation<br>of the Deceased. |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|-------|--------------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                            |                                      | Years. | Months. | Days. | Male.              | Female. |                                | Single.<br>Married.                               | Place of Birth<br>of Mother.          |                                |
| 1894.                      |                                      |        |         |       |                    |         |                                |                                                   |                                       |                                |
| March 4.<br>Brookfield.    | Leroy S. Dearborn.                   | 54     | 7       |       | M                  |         | Single.                        | Frances Dearborn.                                 | Wakefield.                            | Laborer.                       |
| June 17.<br>Brookfield.    | Jona. W. Sanborn.                    | 76     | 11      | 5     | M                  |         | Married.                       | Ezekiel Sanborn.                                  | Brookfield.                           | Farmer.                        |
| July 3.<br>Brookfield.     | Priscilla W. Clark.<br>Eaton.        | 81     | 9       | 27    |                    | F       | Single.                        | Abigail Chamberlain<br>Solomon Clark.             | Brookfield.<br>Lebanon, Me.           | Housekeeper.                   |
| August 24.<br>Brookfield.  | Nathan C Weeks.<br>Brookfield.       | 76     | 1       | 27    | M                  |         | Married.                       | Lydla Kennison.<br>John Weeks.<br>Abigail Colony. | Ossipee.<br>Wakefield.<br>New Durham. | Farmer.                        |
| 1895.                      |                                      |        |         |       |                    |         |                                |                                                   |                                       |                                |
| January 23.<br>Brookfield. | Susan A. Hutchins.<br>Wakefield.     | 73     |         | 4     |                    | F       | Single.                        | Stephen D. Hutchins.<br>Nancy P. Sanborn.         | Wakefield.<br>Wakefield.              | Housekeeper.                   |

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ROBERT L. CHAMBERLAIN, Town Clerk.



